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## EDUCATION

### **Chapman University School of Law - Orange, California**

*Juris Doctor - Emphasis in Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Law*

### **University of California at Irvine - Irvine, California**

*Bachelor of Arts - Cum Laude, Political Science*

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Significant experience representing high-profile construction companies in all aspects of litigation, contract negotiation, and general legal counsel.
- Negotiate and draft construction contracts for public and private projects.
- Negotiate and draft easements and real property contracts.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Law Office of John H. Burton, III, Napa, CA**

**May 2015 to Present**

*Owner*

- Provide legal guidance and representation related to real property and construction contracts and litigation.
- Counsel clients regarding business formation, shareholder agreements, and commercial contracts.

### **Ca' Momi Winery, Napa, CA**

**July 2013 to May 2015**

*Assistant General Counsel*

- Negotiated contracts, drafted and reviewed independent contractor agreements, commercial property lease agreements, employment agreements, and service agreements.
- Analyze company's commercial insurance policies.
- Created the company's Human Resources Department supervising three fulltime employees that serviced over 150 employees.
- Liaison between Congressman Thompson and Ca' Momi Winery.

### **Murphy, Logan & Bardwell, Napa, CA**

**June 2006 to July 2013**

*Senior Associate*

- Represented commercial and private owners, direct contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers in all aspects of complex litigation.
- Advise clients on all aspects of construction issues including licensing, insurance, formation of business entities, construction contracts, employment law, and regulatory actions.
- Successfully worked with construction defect construction insurance carriers to defend defective work claims.
- Communicate directly with clients' officers and managers regarding dispute resolution strategy and construction contract negotiation.
- Successfully drafted motion for summary judgments, took and defended numerous depositions, prepared cases for mediation and settlement conferences, and drafted and negotiated settlement agreements and post-settlement proceedings.

### **Robinson Pharma, Inc., Santa Ana, CA**

**June 2005 – June 2006**

*Corporate Counsel*

- Provided day-to-day legal advice to the chief executive officer and managers on a variety of legal issues.
- Interview, hire, and manage outside counsel to represent the company in California and throughout the United States.

### **City of Huntington Beach**

**January – April 2003**

*Law Clerk: City Attorney's Office – While Attending Law School.*

- Research assistant to the City Attorney's Office.

### **California Court of Appeals**

**May – August 2002**

*Law Clerk: Justice Richard M. Aronson – While Attending Law School.*

- Research assistant to Associate Justice Richard M. Aronson.
- Wrote appellate opinions and research memoranda under the guidance of Justice Aronson and staff attorneys.